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THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST

The Holy Father, Benedict XV1, has declared this year as the 'Year of the Priest'. This provides us with the opportunity to reflect on and remember our priests who share their lives with us.

Most priests are diocesan priests meaning that they belong to and work in a specific diocese or Archdiocese. Other priests are religious priests who are members of a particular religious order. One such example of this is the Scalabrinian Fathers who serve St Luke's Parish, Lalor.

Accepting Jesus Christ as the Supreme Priest, our priests live lives of service in a diverse range of ways. This includes parish ministry, education, welfare, missionary work or following a special charism that comes from their membership of a religious order. All works carried out by priests find their significance and importance in the person of Jesus Christ, the Gospels, and the mission of the Catholic Church.

The main role of the priest, of course, is to preside at the Eucharist. From the masses celebrated by the Pope at the Vatican to the masses that take place in little rural villages or amongst harsh conditions in some Third World countries, the Eucharist is the centre of our relationship with God. It is only ordained priests who have the sacramental power to turn the water and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Also, only priests have the sacramental power to forgive sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us give thanks to our priests as they toil and strive to be faithful to their ordained ministry. In the Archdiocese of Melbourne we recognize the ageing of the clergy and the decrease in actual 'priests on the ground'. We pray that many men will hear the call of Christ and discern their vocation and perhaps study for the priesthood. For many years our College has provided critical work experience annually for three seminarians from Corpus Christi seminary. Nearly all have proceeded to ordination.

This College community gives true and genuine thanks to the priests of our region. Their work as chaplains, Canonical Administrators and celebrants of SMC masses is highly appreciated and greatly valued. Their work, and the work of all priests throughout the world, inspires us to approach and live our life fully alive to the promise of Jesus Christ, "I came that you may have life and have it to the full."

YEAR 12 DEPARTURE

The College community will be pleased to know that our Year 12 students concluded their secondary education at SMC with real dignity and pride. I congratulate them on their displays of true Monican qualities. Their graduation was held on Thursday, 22nd October and guest of honor was Hon Jeffrey Kennett, former Premier of Victoria and President of *Beyond Blue*.

We now wish them well as they sit their examinations, and we also wish those students who are now actively seeking employment or actually commencing work well in all their endeavors.

EVERYONE ELSE!

The academic year has not finished and is not winding down for the remainder of students. In fact, it is accelerating and examinations at each of the five year levels are on the horizon. Thus students should be working hard at home and at school – studying, revising, completing homework and making themselves ready for the weeks ahead.

This year SMC has introduced *Hello 2010* whereby students in Years 7 – 11 in 2009 will commence their 2010 studies this year. Attendance is expected right to the last day of school for students which is Friday, 4th December.

PARENT PORTAL

Have you accessed this valuable communication resource yet? The College will greatly appreciate feedback and ideas which will enhance the portal. Please email the College at admin@stmonicas-epping.com



REPORT ON YEAR 9 DEBATING GRAND FINAL

Congratulations and well done to the SMC Year 9 debating team who competed in the Grand Final of the prestigious DAV competition last Thursday evening the 22nd of October. This was a State Grand Final and the students involved: Jennie Nguyen, Olivia Ouraha, Sarah Maiolo and Loredana De Marco had to win 11 debates in a row to qualify. These talented debaters performed beautifully, narrowly missing out on winning the title. Scotch College were the victors.

SINCE THE LAST EDITION

Year 12 Graduation; Term 4 assembly; Year 7 premier league; DAV debating Grand Final; College Board meeting; Teamwork Café (x2); Year 10 at Scienceworks; Values Education students at Immigration Museum; Dance Showcase; Morning Tea with the Principal; Solar Vehicle Challenge; EnviroFriends trip to Canberra; Piano Competition auditions; Counsellors' session on Sleeping Issues; VCAL Garden opening; Writers' Retreat; VET Music Industry concert; Parents' afternoon tea.

MONICANS OUT & ABOUT

1. Congratulations to Lauren Tomlinson (Year 10) who competed in solo and teams events in the Australian Irish Dancing Competition and was awarded a medal for the teams' event coming in twenty-ninth place in Australia.
2. Attendees at the Immigration Museum Values Education excursion: Emily DiBiase, Ben Hodges, Haynes D'Souza, Adrian Muzzi, Theresa Chamoun, Jacqueline Sacco, Veronica Mellere, Danielle Treglia, Maris Petros, Julie Huynh, Celeste Centioli, Lauren Morris-Healy, Jonathon Newton, Celestina Mitsiou.
3. Competitors in the Junior State Chess Finals: Adolph Lekkas, Alex O'Neill, Dylan Thomson, Daniel Giusti, Heshan Samaratunge and Anthony Menna (emergency). We wish the St Monica's College Junior State Chess team the very best of luck for a great competition.
4. Solar Vehicle Challenge competitors: Anthony Avenoso, Angelo Avenoso, Christopher Andriotis, Daniel Pennacchi, San Markas, Tony Tran, Shane Elders.
5. **Year 11 VCE/VET Interactive Digital Media**
Earlier in the year Year 11 VCE/VET Interactive Digital Media students were entered in a local graphic design competition. The competition involved students planning and designing covers for both the 'Whittlesea School Leaver's Guide' and the 'Hume School Leader's Guide'.

I am pleased to announce two of our students won the competition: Connie Triulcio and Matthew Bennie. This is a huge achievement for our students as they were up against tertiary level entrants and the competition was tough.
6. St Peter's School Literacy Assistants (Year 9): Stephanie Rabbito; Ben Romano; Jessica Borg; Nelson Lai; Ebony Tsingoidas; Jacob Galati; My Tran; Jack Trevaskis; Ruby Williams; Andrea Zumbo; Victor Le; Nathan Sammit; Jason Velkovski; Taylah Bourke; Cassandra Faccin.
7. Year 10 at St Vincent de Paul: Gemma Varrasso; Stephanie Kanaan; Melissa Yacoub; Michael Borg; Peter Vissaris; Vincent Ni.

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS

The final immunizations for Year 7 will be held Friday, 6th November. Students to be immunized are permitted to wear sports uniform on this day.

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS**

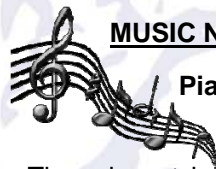
You are invited to join with St Monica's College Community to remember and pray for departed loved ones:

Date : Thursday, 5th November, 2009
Time : 6.00 p.m.
Place : St Peter's Church
 Davisson Street, Epping

Refreshments will be served at the end of Mass.

FROM THE STAFFROOM

1. Congratulations to Mr Matthew Spiteri and his wife, Sara, on the birth of Ava Elizabeth on October 7; to Mr Matthew Browne and his wife on the birth of Abby Liana on September 24; to Mrs Elizabeth Forde and her husband on the birth of Emma Elizabeth.
2. Well done to Ms Judith Clarke, Mr Sid Bagh, Ms Danielle Nicolaci (staff) and Fazia Hassan on coming third out of twenty-five in the recent YMCA Meadowglen Fun Run.
3. Congratulations to Ms Carolyn King on her recent marriage to Nathan Drake on Saturday, 17th October.

**MUSIC NOTES****Piano Competition**

All piano players are invited to audition for a place in the annual Piano Competition. They do not have to be enrolled in piano lessons at the College to participate in this competition. There is a sign-up sheet on the Dalton Road Campus Music Noticeboard. Senior students – please contact the Music Department to register your name for the auditions – phone 9409 8939. Please bring a solo piece of your choice. There are three categories: beginner; intermediate; and senior. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, 28th October from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. The Piano Competition is on Monday, 9th November.

College Rock Band

Drummers are invited to join the College Rock Band for important gigs in Term 4. Please contact Mr Steptowe at DRC as soon as possible. DRC students who sing or play drums and guitar are invited to give their expression of interest to Mrs Thomas or Mr Steptowe for the 2010 Band.

End of Year Music Ensembles Concert

The end of year concert will be held in the DRC Sports and Assembly Hall on Tuesday, 17th November, at 7.00 p.m. Please be advised that tables must be reserved for this event. For reservations, contact Mrs Box (Music Secretary) on 9409 8939. Entry is free.

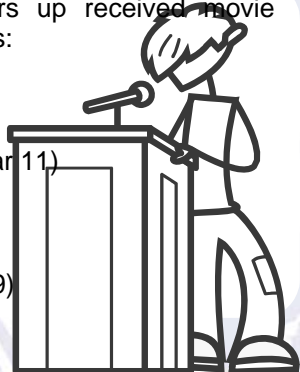
JAPANESE VISIT

Any students who are interested in hosting a student from our sister school in Japan in March next year are invited to collect an information pack about the trip from the Careers Centre on Davisson Street Campus or from Mrs Henry or Miss Chisari on Dalton Road Campus.



IMPROMPTU PUBLIC SPEAKING RESULTS

The 2009 St Monica's College Impromptu Public Speaking Competition was held recently in The Gateway Room. Congratulations to all students who competed. Students were given 5 minutes to prepare a 2 – 3 minute speech. This is a very difficult and frightening thing to do. Thank you to Elise Pulbrook and Christopher Cardamone for assisting in running this event. The winners received a \$25 shopping voucher and the runners up received movie vouchers. The results are as follows:



Davisson Street Campus Results:

- 1st Place – Kelsey Turner (Year 12)
- 2nd Place – Katerina Petkovska (Year 11)
- 3rd Place – Grant Mutimer (Year 12)

Dalton Road Campus Results:

- 1st Place – Alexander O'Neill (Year 9)
- 2nd Place – Jennie Nguyen (Year 9)
- 3rd Place – Dinithi De Alwis (Year 9)

WORLD OF SPORT

1. 2009 SMC Athletics Carnival results (summary)

Overall results are as follows:

1 st	Barinya	1,490
2 nd	Larapinta	1,476
3 rd	Glenora	1,438
4 th	Alkira	1,427

Congratulations to our Year Level Champions as listed below:

Year 7 Julia Treglia	Barinya	45 points in 4 events
Year 7 Justin Ferraro	Alkira	37 points in 4 events
Year 8 Stephanie Zilic	Glenora	75 points in 7 events
Year 8 Zachary Galea	Alkira	29 points in 4 events
Year 9 Bianca Licovski	Barinya	69 points in 7 events
Year 9 Jacob Galati	Glenora	40 points in 4 events
Year 9 Luke Mamone	Glenora	40 points in 5 events
Year 10 Monique Stella	Glenora	39 points in 4 events
Year 10 Matthew Bruno	Larapinta	65 points in 7 events
Year 11 Michelle Zilic	Glenora	56 points in 5 events
Year 11 Matthew Casilli	Barinya	55 points in 6 events
Year 12 Krystal Guerra	Larapinta	54 points in 6 events
Year 12 Edmund D'Lima	Alkira	35 points in 5 events

Congratulations to Jacob Galati and Julia Treglia Principal's Gift winners for 2009.

Congratulations to the thirty four students who broke records at the 2009 St Monica's College Athletics Carnival.

2. FFV State Championships

Results from the Football Federation Victoria All Schools Championships were mixed. Junior Boys finished second in their group and failed to progress to the semi-finals. Intermediate boys were beaten semi-finalists with the Intermediate Girls losing the Final 3 – 2 in a penalty shootout.

Football Federation Victoria, All Schools State Championships

St Monica's Football reputation was again enhanced with the victory of the Junior Girls squad in the Football Federation Victoria, All Schools State Championships. The girls were 1-0 victors in the Final against Fintona

Grammar after going through the day undefeated

With thirteen female All Schools titles since the competition's inception, this win makes it nine Championships and four Runners up for the girls.

Game results:

SMC vs Firbank 2 - 2 Draw
Fruscalzo 1, Dimasi 1

St Monica's College vs Christian College Geelong
9 - 0 win
Fruscalzo 5, Treglia 3, Dimasi 1

Semi Final

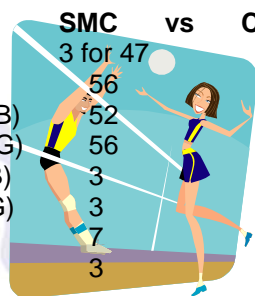
SMC vs CRC North Keilor 2 - 1 win
Fruscalzo 1, Treglia 1

Final

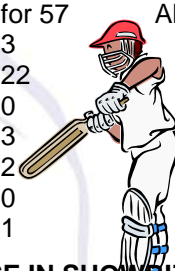
SMC vs Firbank 1 - 0 win
Treglia

3. Year 7 Premier League Results

	SMC	vs	CRC St Albans
Cricket	3 for 47		8 for 46
Netball	56		0
Basketball (B)	52		14
Basketball (G)	56		4
Volleyball (B)	3		2
Volleyball (G)	3		1
Football (B)	7		0
Football (G)	3		0



	CCCC	vs	SMC
Cricket	5 for 57		All out 68
Netball	3		49
Basketball (B)	22		32
Basketball (G)	0		38
Volleyball (B)	3		2
Volleyball (G)	2		3
Football (B)	0		1
Football (G)	1		7



CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SHOWBIZ FACTORY

Two information sessions will be held in the Dalton Road Campus Drama room for Showbiz Factory Certificate classes happening this Term.

Classes available include jazz/funk, contemporary dance, drama (including improvisation, performing on stage, speeches and monologues for TV auditions and voice projection). Technical classes include DMX lighting and OBAR programming for sound and lighting.

All students interested in gaining a certificate qualification in Showbiz Factory need to see Ms Keyte. Be quick – places are limited. It's a great way to improve your skills or learn something new.

PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS

1. Our architect has completed final drawings for the LOTE Performance & Learning Centre and 2 Construct has been contracted as our builder.
2. Mrs Lily D'Ambrosio MP has visited regarding our concerns with the South Morang rail line extension.
3. We are nearing completion on the track and field centre.
4. Works have commenced on The Wetlands.

2010 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Applications are now being accepted for 2010 SMC House Captains. If students would like to apply to become a House Captain in 2010 then they must collect an application form from either DSC or DRC reception. Applications close on Monday, 23rd November, 2009. If any student has any queries, questions, or would like more information regarding the position they can see Mrs Polidano in her office.

CARRY ON

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet their eligibility criteria.



Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7 – 12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniform, excursions etc.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardians have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria can apply. All grants are income tested and the closing date for applications is Thursday, 5th November, 2009.

If you have served in Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2010, please telephone Carry On on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

ST. MONICA'S COLLEGE - EPPING

PARENT NETWORK END OF YEAR FUNCTION

OSTIA

Strath Creek

WEDNESDAY
2ND DECEMBER 2009

COST: \$15.00

Includes:
Morning Tea
Lunch

Chicken & Salad, Dessert & Champagne


BUS

Bus Departs Augustine House
9.15 a.m. returns 3.15 p.m.

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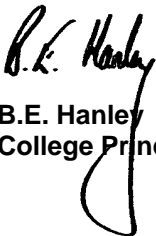
For Bookings please ring
Mrs. Glenda Hay
Tel: 9409 8854

Before
Wednesday 25th November,
2009



MARVELLOUS MONICANS

The Year 9 SMC girls debating team are nominated as the Marvellous Monicans for this edition: Jennie Nguyen, Olivia Ouraha, Sarah Maiolo and Loredana De Marco. These talented young ladies are nominated for winning 11 debates in a row to qualify all the way to the state Grand Final where they competed against Scotch College last Thursday evening. This is a tremendous achievement.



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